

# Common Equine Emergencies & the Skills You Need to Help

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Observation	Skills You Might Need
Abdominal Pain, Colic Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform Whole Horse Exam™ (WHE)</li> <li>• Assess Color of Mucous Membranes</li> <li>• Assess Demeanor or Attitude</li> <li>• Assess Gut or Intestinal Sounds</li> <li>• Assess Manure</li> <li>• Assess Capillary Refill Time (CRT) by examining Gums</li> <li>• Give Intramuscular (IM) Injection</li> <li>• Give Oral Medication</li> <li>• Sand Sediment Test</li> <li>• Handle Horse With Colic</li> </ul>
<p>URL: <a href="http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/1/abdominal-pain-colic-signs/">http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/1/abdominal-pain-colic-signs/</a></p>	
Lower Leg Wound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess Wound</li> <li>• Assess Lameness at the Walk</li> <li>• Bandage Limb or Leg Wound</li> <li>• Perform Whole Horse Exam (WHE)</li> <li>• Stop bleeding on Lower Limb Using Pressure Bandage</li> </ul>
<p>URL: <a href="http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/546/wound-to-lower-limb-or-leg-generally/">http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/546/wound-to-lower-limb-or-leg-generally/</a></p>	
Severe Lameness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess Foot or Hoof</li> <li>• Assess Heat &amp; Digital Pulse in Feet</li> <li>• Perform the Whole Horse Exam (WHE)</li> <li>• Assess Injured or Affected Area</li> <li>• Assess Front Limb</li> <li>• Give Oral Medication</li> <li>• Pull Shoe</li> </ul>
<p>URL: <a href="http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/279/lameness-severe-cannot-support-weight-on-limb/">http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/279/lameness-severe-cannot-support-weight-on-limb/</a></p>	

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Swollen Lower Leg</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess Heat &amp; Digital Pulse in Feet</li> <li>• Assess Lameness at the Walk</li> <li>• Assess Injured or Affected Area</li> <li>• Take Photo &amp; Send to Your Vet</li> <li>• Apply Lower Limb Support Bandage or Standing Wrap</li> <li>• Perform Whole Horse Exam (WHE)</li> <li>• Assess Front Limb</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">URL: <a href="http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/478/swelling-of-one-lower-limb-or-leg/">http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/478/swelling-of-one-lower-limb-or-leg/</a></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Squinting Eye</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess Eye</li> <li>• Perform Whole Horse Exam (WHE)</li> <li>• Apply Eye Medications</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">URL: <a href="http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/159/eye-squinting-or-blinking-excessively/">http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/159/eye-squinting-or-blinking-excessively/</a></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Not Eating, Not Hungry</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform Whole Horse Exam (WHE)</li> <li>• Assess Demeanor &amp; Attitude</li> <li>• Assess Mouth</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">URL: <a href="http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/343/not-eating-loss-of-appetite-not-hungry/">http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/343/not-eating-loss-of-appetite-not-hungry/</a></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Depressed “ADR”</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform Whole Horse Exam (WHE)</li> <li>• Assess Demeanor &amp; Attitude</li> <li>• Assess Environmental Factors</li> <li>• Assess Manure</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">URL: <a href="http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/13/depressed-dull-sick-or-lethargic/">http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/13/depressed-dull-sick-or-lethargic/</a></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discharge from Both Nostrils</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform Whole Horse Exam (WHE)</li> <li>• Manage Potentially Contagious Horse</li> <li>• Give Oral Medications</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;">URL: <a href="http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/335/drainage-from-both-nostrils-white-yellow-or-green/">http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/335/drainage-from-both-nostrils-white-yellow-or-green/</a></p>	

Coughing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform Whole Horse Exam (WHE)</li> <li>• Manage Potentially Contagious Horse</li> <li>• Give Oral Medication</li> </ul>
<p>URL: <a href="http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/951/coughing/">http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/951/coughing/</a></p>	
Down, Can't Rise Seems Alert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get a Down Horse Up</li> <li>• Take Temp, Pulse, Respiration (TPR)</li> </ul>
<p>URL: <a href="http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/282/cannot-seem-to-get-up-lying-down-seems-aware/">http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/282/cannot-seem-to-get-up-lying-down-seems-aware/</a></p>	
Loose Manure Or Diarrhea (in Adult)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform Whole Horse Exam (WHE)</li> <li>• Manage Potentially Infectious Horse</li> <li>• Assess Manure</li> <li>• Assess Environmental Factors</li> <li>• Sand Sediment Test</li> </ul>
<p>URL: <a href="http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/122/manure-is-watery-diarrhea-in-adult/">http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/122/manure-is-watery-diarrhea-in-adult/</a></p>	
Grain Overload	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform Whole Horse Exam (WHE)</li> <li>• Assess Digital Pulse &amp; Heat in Feet</li> </ul>
<p>URL: <a href="http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/23/grain-overload-horse-got-into-feed-room/">http://horsesidevetguide.com/drv/Observation/23/grain-overload-horse-got-into-feed-room/</a></p>	